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Rural District of Aysgarth



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1963

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To the Chairman and Members of the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1963.

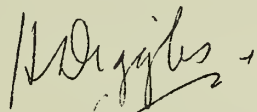
Problems connected with environmental hygiene remain the Council's major concern. Once again it is not possible to report much progress in this work. The Northallerton and Dales Water Board came into operation during the year. Supplies have been adequate during the past year, but the quality has been very variable.

The position regarding sewage disposal shows signs of improvement and progress in building has improved.

Finally I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant



(H. Diggles)

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

Area (in acres)	81,032
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid 1963)	3,230
Population (1931 census)	4,257
Population (1951 census)	3,607
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1,209
Number of inhabited houses (1962)	1,240
Rateable Value of District (April 1963)	£ 59,157
Product of penny rate (Estimated)	£233

(b) Vital Statistics (As supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
Live Births	23	23	-	27	27	-
Still Births	1	1	-	-	-	-
<u>Infant Deaths</u>						
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks	2	2	-	-	-	-
Under 1 week	-	-	-	-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Cause of Death</u>	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Disease	3	2	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-	1
Vascular Lesions, Nervous System	7	5	12
Coronary Disease, Angina	5	3	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
Other Heart Disease	2	6	8
Other Circulatory Disease	1	-	1
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	2	2	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	-	2	2
Total deaths (all causes)	26	25	51

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.



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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of staff are given at the beginning of the report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in Northallerton by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Lancaster and Bradford hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Mid-wifery service is under the general direction of the County Council, with the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee. Three district nurse/midwives operate in the area.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This is provided by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D

HOUSING

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details of this work and of meat inspection are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

	Males	Females	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
Measles	23	9	37

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A total of 1141 visits and inspections were made during the year.

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Complied With	Statutory Notices	Complied With
Council Works	309	-	-	-	-
Housing	39	3	4	-	-
Public Health Acts	159	2	3	-	1
Building Byelaws	150	-	-	-	-
Improvement Grants	95	-	-	-	-
Slaughter Houses (for the purpose of meat inspection)	99	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	179	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	21	-	-	-	-
Petroleum Regulations	4	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	26	3	3	-	-
Factories Act	2	-	-	-	-
Caravans	15	-	-	-	-
Frozen Pipes	101	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY

The following is a table showing rainfall as measured at Bainbridge and Hawes.

Month	Rainfall in inches		
	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Hawes
	1962	1963	1963
Jan.	7.42	1.25	0.97
Feb.	4.39	1.92	1.87
Mar.	1.78	6.43	6.13
Apr.	5.13	3.73	3.90
May.	3.67	2.07	2.57
June	1.59	4.38	4.50
July	2.90	2.52	3.68
Aug.	5.87	3.96	3.43
Sept.	4.14	4.15	4.71
Oct.	1.96	3.14	4.82
Nov.	2.06	10.65	11.91
Dec.	3.48	2.15	2.47
Total:	44.39	46.95	50.96

I am grateful to the Rivers Board for the rainfall figures for 1963: The readings were taken by Mrs. Grubb of Bainbridge and Mr. G. Dinsdale of Brown Moor, Hawes. The Hawes gauge is at 765 feet above sea level and the long period average is given by the Met Office as 57.11 inches, whilst the Bainbridge gauge is at 705 O.D. and the long period average is 47.66 inches. Nearly one inch less rain for each mile Easterly!

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

3 samples of water were examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, one was reported as satisfactory.

Total Number of dwellings in the Area	1244
Total Number of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	1075
Percentage of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	88.5%

Once again most of the samples of water submitted for examination were classified as unsatisfactory by reason of the presence of faecal organisms.

Northallerton and the Dales Water Board

The Councils water undertakings were transferred to the Water Board during the year although the Council continued in a caretake capacity until March.

Nothing has been done since the last report to improve either the quantity or quality of the water available.

The district suffered badly during the cold spell which started at Christmas and persisted until March the 4th when the thaw started. Some pipes which had not been frozen did so after the thaw started as the cold spread downwards in spite of the surface thaw. It is estimated that one house in three was cut off from the mains by frost. The Council purchased a transformer which was used to defreeze the pipes electrically. The plant was a great success and many hard cases were relieved. 101 Houses were visited during this period and advice given as to the precautions to be observed.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Meat Inspection

All the meat inspected was killed in one slaughterhouse in the district. The remainder of the butchers with slaughterhouses have not brought them up to the standard required by the Regulations and they have not been licensed. The quality of meat continues to be high, almost all the animals killed were young and in consequence relatively free from disease.

The total number of animals inspected was 285 and it was necessary to make 99 visits for this purpose.

The following table gives details of the food animals killed and the amount found to be unfit.

	Bull- ocks	Heif- ers	Total cattle (exclu- ding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	57	26	83	1	Nil	150	51
Number inspected	57	26	83	1	Nil	150	51
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	7	14	11	-	-	1	2
Percentage	12.3	15.4	13.2	-	-	0.6	4%
Total Percentage	12.3	15.4	13.2	-	-	0.6	8%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>							
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The diseases showed in the first part of the table were all parasitic usually involving the liver only without detriment to the rest of the carcass. The tuberculosis in pigs reported in the second part of the table concerned four pigs from the same farm within the district. There was no recurrence.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

There are 75 premises in the district which come within the scope of the above regulations, they are as follows:-

Cafes	7	School Canteens	7
Public Houses	18	Fish and Chip Shops	1
Confectioners	5	Fishmongers	2
Grocers	22	Cheese Factory	1
Butchers	8	Hotels	3

It will be seen from the table of inspections that 21 visits were made to this type of premises.

SEWERAGE

Table showing Properties connected to Sewers in the various Parishes

Parish	Total Properties	To Sewer	Otherwise
Abbotside High	88	43	45
Abbotside Low	41	Nil	41
Askrigg L.A.	133	Nil	133
Askrigg N.L.A.	37	Nil	37
Aysgarth L.A.	58	58	Nil
Aysgarth N.L.A.	27	4	23
Bainbridge L.A.	95	93	2
Bainbridge N.L.A.	86	29	57
Bishopdale	12	Nil	12
Burton-cum-Walden L.A.	97	Nil	97
Burton-cum-Walden N.L.A.	33	Nil	33
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	83	65	18
Hawes L.A.	360	352	8
Hawes N.L.A.	103	22	81
Newbiggin	24	Nil	24
Thoralby L.A.	46	Nil	46
Thoralby N.L.A.	9	Nil	9
Thornton Rust	39	Nil	39
Total:	1371	666	705

Note: The total number of properties connected to sewers is less than the number previously given as certain properties to "sewer" without proper outfalls have been included as otherwise drained.

None of the Sewerage Schemes prepared last year have been started during the year although a start had been made at the time of the writing of the report.

The Council considered the question of Farm Effluents and decided to make a charge for the reception of such effluent in to their sewers in the year 1964-65.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

A fortnightly collection of refuse is made in the greater part of the Area, whilst most of the remainder is visited monthly. A few remote dwellings have no collection at all.

Refuse was once again collected under very difficult conditions and in February the vehicle was involved in a collision almost entirely due to road conditions. Fortunately no one was hurt and for some time refuse was collected in a borrowed vehicle.

HOUSING

The Housing Rent and Repairs Act, 1954, Section 1 (Housing Proposals)

The number of unfit houses in the District which are regarded as being unfit and incapable of being made fit was 86 at the beginning of the year, this was reduced to 77 during the year.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

The Council offered 10 Discretionary Grants amounting to £2245 during the year and 19 Standard Grants to a total maximum of £2240 an increase over last year.

16 unfit houses were made fit with the assistance of grants.

New Council Houses

A start was made in late Summer on the twelve houses at Holmebrae.

Housing Survey

The following table shows the progress of the Rural Housing Survey.

Parish	Not Inspected	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Abbotside High	10	2	31	30	10
Abbotside Low	4	7	14	8	5
Askrigg	7	19	67	61	9
Aysgarth	4	19	24	23	4
Bainbridge	6	23	72	46	13
Bishopdale	4	-	7	1	-
Burton-cum-Walden	24	18	44	36	2
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	2	19	25	24	2
Hawes	14	120	151	112	29
Newbiggin	1	2	12	7	1
Thoralby	7	12	18	13	2
Thornton Rust	-	9	23	4	-
Totals:	83	250	488	365	77
Totals for 1962	89	240	470	376	86

It will be seen from the above table that there has been a reduction of 20 in the number of unfit houses, of these 9 were regarded as incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair.

OVERCROWDING

(a)	Total number of houses overcrowded at the beginning of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c)	Number of new cases of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d)	Number of cases relieved	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(e)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

This table is arrived at by the amendment of a survey carried out many years ago.

HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS Houses built by Private Enterprise

The table below gives details of houses under construction and those completed since 1945 in the various parishes.

Parish	Completed	Under Construction
Hawes	5	-
Askrigg	5	-
Thornton Rust	2	1
Aysgarth	4	-
Low Abbotside	2	-
West Burton	3	-
Total:	21	1

HOUSES BUILT BY AYSGARTH R.D.C.

Parish	To 31/12/1963	Under Construction
Hawes	44	-
Bainbridge	8	12
Askrigg	4	-
Carperby	6	-
Aysgarth	4	-
West Burton	2	-
Total:	68	12

Holmebrae, Bainbridge

A start was made on the erection of 4 houses and 8 flats on a site opposite the existing houses at Bainbridge.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. BUILDING BYELAWS

59 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the following table. This is an increase of 10 plans over last year.

Parish	New Houses	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow-Sheds & Dairies & piggeries	Alterations to buildings other than dwellings	Division of dwelling houses & conversions to same	Total
Hawes	2	7	3	-	1	-	13
Bainbridge	-	7	2	1	1	-	11
Askrigg	-	2	2	1	1	-	6
Carperby	-	3	-	-	-	1	4
Aysgarth	2	2	1	-	-	1	6
Thornton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rust	-	2	-	-	-	1	3
High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abbotside	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Low "	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
West Burton	-	1	2	2	-	2	7
Thoralby	-	2	2	1	-	-	5
Newbiggin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bishopdale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS :	4	28	13	6	3	5	59

RODENT CONTROL

26 visits were made during the year to Council and other properties.

The Council's sewers were baited and poisoned twice during the year. The sewage works and tips were dealt with as infestations occurred. The Council continue to supply rat poison free of charge to householders for use on domestic premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937
Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prose- cuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	-	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	19	2	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).....	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insuff- icient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective (c) Not	-	-	-	-	-
separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outworks)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	-	-

There are no outworkers in the Rural District.

